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UNIVERSITY NEWS

WHAT'S NEW AT THE UNIVERSITY OF REGINA

Family Campaign continues to grow

The University's internal fundraising effort, the Family Campaign, has surpassed the \$600,000 mark and has attracted more than 100 volunteers for campaign-related activities. The Campaign is directed to those people most closely related to the University: faculty, staff, Board of Governors, Senate, alumni and retirees.

The Family Campaign is part of the University's Building Dreams and Futures Campaign, a major fundraising effort that will provide student support, faculty research, and funding for the new Centre for Kinesiology, Health and Sport currently under construction on campus.

Additional funding will support the University's emerging priorities and a portion fulfils the University's commitment as a partner in the 2005 Canada Summer Games.

For two weeks in August 2005, Regina will host 4,500 of our nation's finest amateur athletes at the 20th Canada Summer Games. In addition to providing the site of the Athletes' Village, the University will be the venue for several of the Games' events.

The Canada Summer Games promises to be a defining moment in the history of the U of R and a highlight in Saskatchewan's centenary celebrations. Since 1967, more than \$230 million has been invested in the Canada Games, about half of it in capital projects that have left an important legacy in host communities.

Almost 1,600 honoured at spring convocation

Degrees, diplomas and certificates were presented to 1,597 recipients at the 29th annual spring convocation held May 28-30 at

Regina's Saskatchewan Centre of the Arts.

The three-day event featured graduates from 17 countries including Cameroon, England, Ghana, India, Indonesia, Japan, Mexico, Pakistan, People's Republic of China, Saudi Arabia, Slovakia, South Korea, Sudan, Thailand, Ukraine, United States and Vietnam.

This spring's ceremony brings the total



Administration student Jolene Marie Anton of Regina receives congratulations from Allan Cahoon, vice-president (research and international), at spring convocation ceremonies. For her academic achievements Anton received the Governor General's Academic Silver Medal and the Leon Goldman Scholarship.

number of graduates to 43,000 since the University became an independent institution in 1974.

Among the event's major award recipients was Brett David Dolter of Balgonie, Sask., who received the University President's Medal. The award is granted to a student receiving a first degree with a minimum average of 80 per cent who has demonstrated leadership in and commitment to extracurricular activities.

Administration student Jolene Marie Anton of Regina received both the Governor General's Academic Silver Medal and the Leon Goldman Scholarship. The Governor General's

Academic Silver Medal is presented to the undergraduate student who achieves the highest academic standing in a bachelor's degree program. The Leon Goldman Scholarship is awarded to the most distinguished graduate of the Faculty of Administration receiving a first degree.

The University Medal, awarded to the most distinguished student based on academic achievement in full-time studies during two terms of the previous 12 months, was presented to Raegan Leann Bernhardt of Grayson, Sask., a fourth-year Faculty of Engineering student, majoring in environmental systems engineering.

The event also featured a trio of honorary degrees bestowed on internationally renowned historian, journalist, novelist and commentator Michael Ignatieff, Saskatchewan provincial court judge Mary Ellen Turpel-Lafond, and pre-eminent cardiovascular and thoracic surgeon Edward Busse.

University partners with Chinese software firm

The University of Regina has partnered with CVIC Software Engineering Co. Ltd. (CVIC SE), one of China's foremost software development firms, to establish a new Canadian division office in Research Park adjacent to the U of R campus.

The company, based in Jinan, capital city of China's northeastern province of Shandong, also has operating divisions in the United States and Australia, and has annual sales of more than \$120 million US. The company focuses on application software development and large-scale system integration.

Under the terms of the agreement, the University owns 15 per cent of the joint venture company, CVIC Software Service Canada (CVIC SSC).

"We have a longstanding history with China and this signing is a continuation of our partnership," said Allan Cahoon, University vice-president (research and international).

The announcement represents a further stage in the development of a relationship between the University and CVIC SE's CEO, Jing Xinhai, that stretches back to the late 1970s. Jing was at the University of Regina from 1982-84 as a visiting scholar from Shandong University and since then has helped facilitate an active and growing exchange of scholars and students.

"The signing of this international partnership with CVIC is an indication of the vitality of our international alumni," said Cahoon. "I am delighted to continue to work in partnership for international collaboration and co-operation."

With its proven expertise in software development, CVIC Software Service Canada will be a welcome addition to Saskatchewan's rapidly growing information technology sector.

Three U of R researchers appointed Canada Research Chairs

A widely recognized authority on conservatism and social justice, a leading expert on energy and environment, and a biologist who studies drought are the University's three most recent designates to a prestigious federal research funding program.

Shadia Drury, Guo (Gordon) Huang and Peter Leavitt have been named Canada Research Chairs (CRC) and join Gregory Marchildon, an economic historian, lawyer and public policy practitioner, as the University's only Tier 1 Chairs.

The \$900 million CRC program was initiated by the Government of Canada to promote leading-edge research and innovation nationally and to enable Canadian universities to foster research excellence and establish centres of excellence in the global, knowledge-based economy. By 2005, the program will support 2,000 researchers in universities across the country.

Shadia Drury, a political scientist, was named to the Canada Research Chair in Social Justice. As holder of a Tier 1 Chair she will receive \$200,000 annually for seven years to pursue an interdisciplinary program of research, publishing and teaching in social justice and related topics. The Province of Saskatchewan will match the funding in the first two years of the appointment. She will also receive \$75,000 from the Canada Foundation for Innovation (CFI) to cover research infrastructure development.



Shadia Drury



President's Message

We often speak of the University as a community within the larger communities of the city, the province, the country and the world. This idea of community is very important, because, in a sense, it defines the University. Our greatest and most defining asset is the collection of people who work and study here. It is through their efforts that the University has become beneficial to the larger communities in which we find ourselves.

The contributions of our faculty and staff have been evident for a long period. The University has its roots in the establishment of Regina College, a residential high school established in 1911. Since that time, the institution has seen tremendous evolution in structure and function. Those who were here before us, like those profiled in this issue of *The Third Degree*, (see The Last Word, page 27) have made the University what it is now.

We have also experienced a period of faculty renewal in the past several years that has resulted in many new members being added to the University community. Thus, there are several layers of definition: there is the heritage of those who have been and gone, there is the experience and wisdom of long-serving members of the University community, and there is the enthusiasm and freshness of new members. These things blended together make the culture of the University what it is today.

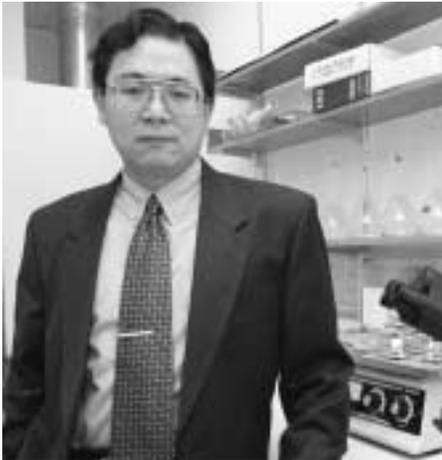
And, of course, there are always students coming into, and departing from, the community. In one very real sense, the teaching mission of the University is its most evident *raison d'être*. The twelve thousand students who will be taking classes this year are the most visible manifestation of the University's several important missions in building the larger communities. While these students may have shorter periods of intense participation in our community than do staff and faculty, it is extremely important to them, just as our university experience has been extremely important to those of us who have been university students in the past.

It has become an important part of the tradition surrounding universities that those who have benefited from the experience, support those who come after them as students. That is why scholarships such as the Legacy Scholarship (see story page 28) were established and also why they are so important.

All of us currently at the University appreciate the support that alumni and friends have shown to present and future generations of students through your support of scholarships and awards.

This is an exciting period of development at the University of Regina. On behalf of all my colleagues, I thank you for your continuing interest and support.

David T. Barnard
PRESIDENT



Guo (Gordon) Huang

Guo (Gordon) Huang, an engineer, was appointed to the Canada Research Chair in Energy and Environment. His Tier 1 appointment will further his research into systems that support effective environmental management and control pollution from various industrial processes. Huang will receive \$200,000 annually for seven years and an additional \$150,402 for research infrastructure development from CFI.



Peter Leavitt

Peter Leavitt, a biologist, was named to the Canada Research Chair in Environmental Change and Society. The Tier 1 appointment valued at \$200,000 annually and matched in the first two years by provincial funding, will help him accurately predict drought and prepare for and reduce, its economic and environmental impacts. Leavitt will also receive \$228,211, matched by the Government of Saskatchewan, for research infrastructure development.

But it's a dry cold!

The University of Regina will participate in programs and contribute to post-secondary education in the circumpolar North thanks to its recent acceptance into the Council of the University of the Arctic (UARctic).

The University was granted membership at an April meeting in Akureyri, Iceland and was based on the U of R's partnerships with First Nations institutions, its programs with northern colleges, its research on northern issues and its development of distance education programs.

"The University of Regina's membership in the University of the Arctic enables us to play a role in the development and delivery of academic programs for students living in the circumpolar North," says Robin Fisher, dean of Arts.

The University of Regina was among eight higher education institutions that became new members of the Council of UARctic in 2003.

UARctic, launched in June 2001, is a co-operating network of universities, colleges and other organizations concerned with higher education and research that offer comprehensive programs addressing a wide variety of issues in the Arctic. UARctic shares resources, facilities and expertise to build post-secondary education programs that are relevant and accessible to northern students but is not an individual, degree-granting institution.

Campus to expand yet again



Saskatchewan's Department of Learning Minister Judy Junor and U of R president David Barnard show off an illustration of the new addition to the University's Lab Building.

On September 12, Saskatchewan's Department of Learning Minister Judy Junor announced the approval in principle of a new addition to the University of Regina's Laboratory Building that will provide a significant increase in learning

space and state-of-the-art laboratories.

The new building will require an estimated \$32 million dollars to complete and marks the next step in the U of R's development and expansion strategy.

"This is an investment in education, our students, and our province," Junor said. "More importantly we are supporting the spirit of innovation and discovery. The new lab building will help ensure the University continues to attract and retain the finest faculty, and will create more opportunities for students to remain in Regina and pursue graduate studies."

The University received initial funding from the Province in June 2002 to begin the planning phase of the project. The announcement allows the University to complete the planning stage and move directly into design and construction.

"The University of Regina serves its community through excellent teaching, as well as through innovative and dynamic research programs," University President David Barnard said. "This announcement means we can continue to build capacity to serve those goals. The Province's commitment to our future, and to investment in higher education, is the basis of a partnership which makes the Saskatchewan community stronger."

Check it Out!

Follow the progress of other major construction on campus – including the Centre for Kinesiology, Health and Sport, a new residence building, an emergency energy centre and a redesign of the Academic Green – by visiting the Construction News Web pages on the new University Web site at www.uregina.ca Access Construction News from the "About the U of R" pull down menu in the top left hand corner on the U of R's home page or go to:

www.uregina.ca/construction.



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Opening doors to disabled

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Disability Resource Office co-ordinator Dianne Mader and third-year sociology student Todd Cullen work at one of the University's specially-equipped computers for sight-impaired students.

Before Todd Cullen can even begin the reading required for his classes at the University of Regina, he must scan each book page by page on into his computer.

It's painstaking work, each page taking a minute and a half, or anywhere from two to eight hours a book. Only after this chore is complete can he settle down to listen to the digital voice verbalizing the material he needs to learn.

"Probably the time I spend just putting material on my computer is the time most people would spend reading the book," says Cullen.

Cullen, 29, has been visually impaired since he was a teenager. His sight is 20/200, which means he has no problems getting around campus but has difficulty reading printed material or notes on a chalkboard.

Cullen is one of the approximately 200 students with disabilities who attend the U of R each semester. Some have physical disabilities such as impaired vision, hearing or mobility, while others have learning disabilities, attention deficit disorder, brain injuries, cerebral palsy or other problems that make learning difficult.

Most of these students use the services

of the University's Disability Resources Office. The office co-ordinates services for students with disabilities and fulfills the University's goal to provide "a fair and supportive learning environment for academically qualified students with special needs."

Dianne Mader is the co-ordinator of the office. She says her job is to ensure students have documentation describing their disability and that they specify the assistance they need. She also helps students develop strategies to succeed in a post-secondary environment.

In order to succeed, disabled students are extended in-class accommodations that enable them to fully learn in the classroom and testing accommodations that allow their instructors to completely evaluate their knowledge in a subject area.

In-class accommodations might include a different desk, the use of a tape recorder, a volunteer note taker, asking the instructor not to pace or turn her back on the class or a sign-language interpreter.

The accommodations needed to ensure fair evaluation may include a separate exam space, extra time, an exam printed in larger type or on coloured paper, an oral exam, use of a scribe or reader or, for a student with a back injury, permission to get up and move around every half hour.

Mader emphasizes that accommodations do not compromise academic standards. At the same time, there is an obligation to try to provide the accommodation or find an alternative.

"We try to create awareness that accommodations are not favours to hand out to irresponsible students but legitimate entitlements," she says. "The bottom line is for them to demonstrate they know the material."

students

"If I didn't have the technology, I wouldn't be able to go to school."



Todd Cullen is one of about 200 disabled students who attend the University each semester. Many depend on services and equipment available through the Disability Resource Office.

The Disability Resources Office also provides students with information on government funding available to post-secondary students for disability-related costs such as equipment, software and tutoring, and refers them to the agencies that can help them apply for this money.

As well, the office supplies special equipment and training for phonic ears, audio calculators and specially-equipped computers that provide features like large print and voice output.

While Mader tells students with disabilities about the equipment and services that can help make their academic dreams come true, at the same time she says, she provides them with "a reality check."

Part of that check involves communicating the responsibility on students to act as their own advocate. The other part of her message deals with the difficulty of the transition to university life and the academic workload that all students experience in their first year.

"I always tell students that for every hour of class time, there's a couple of hours on their own," she says. "For someone with a difficulty, depending what it is, it could be three or four hours if they're using alternative formats for textbooks or if they're working with tutors.

"I try to advise students what to expect. Especially in their first semester, I advise them to watch the number of classes and labs they are registered in and to select classes they have done well in until they get adjusted to university."

Mader says another part of her job is creating awareness about

improvements that could make the campus more accessible. She says awareness has improved, and points to features in the University's Riddell Centre such as contrasting colours in floor covering and paint, levers instead of knobs on doors, rubberized guards on stairs, and even a campus TTY (text communication) telephone.

"All those things become so important when you work with people with physical difficulties," she says.

Todd Cullen is grateful for the advancements that allow him to do what others may take for granted. As he works towards a degree in sociology, he acknowledges the world of higher education has opened up to him only because modern technology allows him to fully participate in the classroom.

"If I didn't have the technology, I wouldn't be able to go to school," he says.

For more information, visit the University's Disability Resource Office at: www.uregina.ca/studserv/specialneeds/



Disability Resource Office co-ordinator Dianne Mader.

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Jill Allison, BA '01, and Tim MacKay, BA '85, are in select company. Not only did each of the U of R alumni recently receive a doctoral fellowship from the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC), but the pair will be able to discuss the award the next time they get together for a family dinner—Allison and MacKay are sister and brother.

They are two of the more than 6,000 PhD students that applied to SSHRC for doctoral funding last year. The fellowships are awarded through a national competition and are valued at \$17,700 per year.

With the funding pressure relieved, Allison can concentrate on her comprehensive exams at Memorial University in St. John's, Nfld., where she's working on a PhD in medical anthropology, focusing on women's reproductive health.

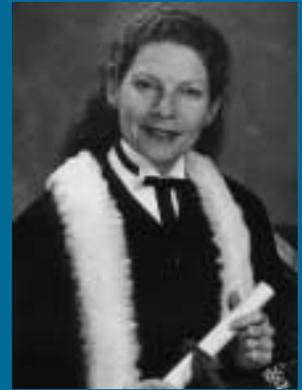
Beginning next spring, Allison is planning to spend a year or more in Ireland, where she will study infertility treatment and how biomedicine and technology influence society's moral and ethical choices.

Work overseas is nothing new for Allison. During a 25-year nursing career that preceded her undergraduate years at U of R, she worked for several years in Nepal, Bangladesh and Mexico.

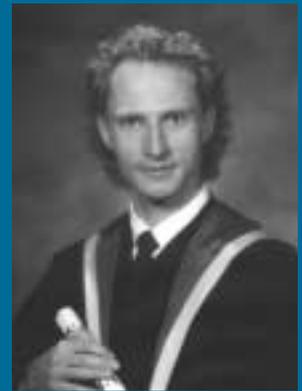
An international perspective colours the work of MacKay as well. In fact, MacKay admits, "I was influenced in that direction by Jill, who was often off traveling while I was an adolescent."

His own international work took place in Lesotho, where he taught math and science, and later in Malawi as a health educator for UNICEF. Returning to Canada, he settled into his master's and now doctoral degree in Education at the University of Manitoba. MacKay is interested in second language teaching and learning in international and multilingual contexts. His SSHRC grant will enable him to study international students in Manitoba schools, specifically the social relations between these students and their Canadian peers.

Both Allison and MacKay are generous in their salutes to their experience at the University of Regina. "The courses and professors provided a profound shakeup in my life, part of what set me off on this trajectory," MacKay says. His sister agrees: "The people in anthropology at U or R were a great influence—so motivating and full of love for the discipline. I wouldn't have gone on to higher studies without them."



Jill Allison BA '01



Tim MacKay BA '85

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Sweating the small stuff

After a life-altering illness and a promise to give something back, Canadian television pioneer Linda Rankin, BA '68, is once again breaking new ground.

By James Hale
Photos: Gregory Abraszko

It says a lot about television executive Linda Rankin, BA '68, that, when asked about her legacy, she doesn't cite her role in founding the Women's Television Network (WTN), her part in pioneering the use of High Definition Television (HDTV) in Canada, or her current position as president of The Green Channel. Instead of mentioning any of that, she says it's people who have been the most important part of her life.

"I love the fact that there is a large group of women out there that I've touched by mentoring them. I don't have children of my own, so they're like a big family I'm connected to."

Putting her priorities in order was something Rankin learned to do in the early '90s when thoughts of mortality dominated her mind. Diagnosed with B-cell lymphoma, she says she learned a lot about herself and what was really important to her.

Today, free of the disease, she hasn't forgotten the promises she made to herself when recovery was anything but certain.

"You know that saying, 'Don't sweat the small stuff? Well, I decided to sweat the small stuff. I promised myself that I'm not going to work for an ass, I'm not going to do things that don't give me pleasure, and I'm not going to waste time eating lunch with people I don't want to eat with. Life's just too precious to make those compromises. Above all, I made a promise to give something back if I got the chance to stick around."

To that point in her life, chance had played the largest part in determining her path.

"I had absolutely no idea what I'd do with my life while I was at university. What I remember best are the people and the feeling that learning gave me. It was a very dynamic time. My husband was editor of *The Carillon* (the U of R student newspaper) and we lived with three other couples in an apartment building. University was our whole life. When I graduated I literally flipped a coin to determine whether to head east or west from Regina."

The coin toss pointed her east and she landed in Toronto, where she says she learned how to write a CV that would get her a succession of contract jobs loosely related to her major in social psychology. Eventually, she moved to Ottawa to take what she calls "my first real job" with Bell Canada - then the monopoly telephone company for Ontario and Quebec. It was an opportune time for women at the company with the confidence and intellect to take on a challenge. After years of being relegated to low-level positions, women were moving quickly into influential management-track jobs.



Rankin with her brothers Stuart (L) and Wayne. All three attended the U of R.

Even so, when Rankin balked at a move to Kingston, Ont., she knew her days of fast-tracking were finished.

But serendipity struck again, and a headhunter called her, looking to fill a management position with Telesat Canada - the national satellite carrier set up in 1969 by the federal government and Canada's major telephone companies.

"Within two weeks I was gone. I started at Telesat as personnel manager and within a year I was vice-president of administration. It was just the right job at the right time and I fit the bill. At 34, I found myself the most senior woman in Canadian telecommunications."

Surrounded by engineers who were grappling with ways of using satellite technology to revolutionize Canada's telecommunications and broadcasting systems, Rankin says she called on her non-technical university training.

"A liberal arts education gives you the capacity to think outside the box and the confidence that you know something. I appreciated what engineers knew, and recognized that they needed



Rankin reviews programming details with The Green Channel's traffic manager Andrea Recht.

me as much as I needed them. It helped them to have someone who could propose ways of doing things that weren't by the book."

One example was the challenge of locating satellite up-link sites near urban centres. It hadn't been tried until Rankin suggested it, and it was an important development in the way the industry did business. She also pushed Telesat into helping to fund programming that could be shot in the nascent high-definition format that was beginning to make waves in Japan and parts of Europe. She spearheaded a controversial co-production deal with Ottawa's National Arts Centre, and was awarded a Gemini Award for her role in bringing Canada's first HDTV broadcast to air.

Even with that significant achievement in moving Canada's television industry forward, she claims her move into broadcasting was "a total fluke."

In 1992, Telesat Canada was sold to a consortium of regional phone companies and Rankin - fresh from her battle with cancer - took a buyout that was large enough to provide a two-year cushion. She took some time to help prepare a research report that made some important recommendations about the need for a television network to address the specific concerns of women, but had her heart set on taking an advanced language immersion program in France when she received a request to write a broadcast licence application for a proposed specialty network tentatively called Lifestyle.



The Women's Television Network 1996 executive team. Clockwise from top: Jacqui Cook, vice-president marketing; Linda Rankin, president and CEO; Carol Darling, vice-president engineering and operations; Barbara Barde, vice-president programming; Shirley Hassan, comptroller.

For five months, she shuttled between Ottawa and Toronto, working on a design for Canada's first women's broadcaster WTN. At her side was Barbara Barde, an American-born TV veteran who had worked with a variety of public and private broadcasters.

"Linda knew nothing about the programming side of the business," says Barde, who today heads an independent production company in Toronto, "but she knew the operational side like nobody else, and she knew a lot of the people we needed to get us on the air. Linda really knows how the industry works and she's not afraid to take chances. We worked on the launch of WTN together for a year, and she constantly shared her knowledge with me. Even better, she made me laugh all the time."

Barde and Rankin both recall darker times once WTN hit the airwaves on New Year's Day 1995. Initial reviews of the specialty channel's programming - in *Maclean's* and *The Toronto Star* especially - were less than kind. WTN's flagship program, *POV: Women*, came in for particular criticism.

"WTN was controversial," says Barde, "and (the criticism) was absolutely vicious."

"It was pretty horrible," agrees Rankin. "Some pretty bad things were said, and it was difficult not to take it personally, especially when *Frank* magazine specializes in making it personal. But the criticism lasted about six months, and then it went away. What was worse was the fact that our major investor hated *POV* and hated the British sitcoms we had programmed. Eventually, we replaced the British shows with the old *Mary Tyler Moore* show, and we got criticized for that, too. You know, after awhile, you have to take the view that as long as they're talking about you it doesn't matter what they're saying; it's all publicity."

After WTN's first year on the air, Rankin was ready for a change, and a move from WTN's home base of Winnipeg.

"I had gotten married to a man I met in France and we really felt it was important that we move back to Ottawa where he could find work in his own language. Plus I was at constant loggerheads with

the board of directors and I just didn't need that."

Once again, an opportunity presented itself that fit perfectly with her decision. Early in 1996, Rankin received a call from David Nostbakken, who had developed a concept for an international broadcaster to focus on environmental issues.

"WETV fit all my criteria, particularly for trying to make a difference with what I do. The new digital technology makes it a lot easier to do the kind of broadcasting that The Green Channel does. We have seven people as opposed to the 45 we had at WTN, so it's easier to make programs that reflect the entire team."

The Green Channel was added to the roster of Canada's digital TV stations in December 2001, and although Rankin says she is "married" to Nostbakken, she can't help but think beyond life in the renovated brick house in downtown Ottawa that is WETV's home.

"I'd like to buy a farm and retire. Grow a garden. My husband and I would like to spend six months here and the other six in France, but that may be some time off. You never know. When I look back on my life now, it's clear that I've always just fallen into the next thing."

The Green Channel Web site can be found at www.wetv.com

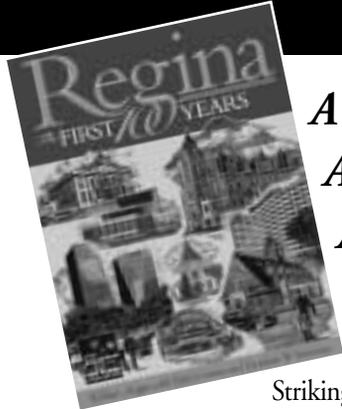


Rankin with her husband Guy Houdin.



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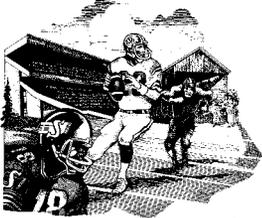
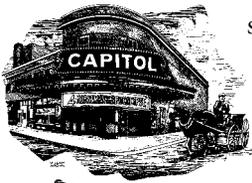


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ALUMNI UPDATE

UNIVERSITY OF REGINA ALUMNI ACTIVITIES

Web community for alumni launched

The University of Regina has launched an exclusive "cyber-neighbourhood" tailored to meet the needs of U of R alumni across the globe. The new virtual community will help more than 43,000 graduates keep in touch with the University and classmates worldwide.

The new service is free and can be accessed from the Alumni and Friends pull down menu on the U of R homepage at www.uregina.ca.

"The online community initiative marks the next step in the University's efforts to provide continuing service to alumni, and to keep our 43,000 ambassadors in the know," says Barbara Pollock, Executive Director of University Relations.

The interactive tool was developed in partnership with the U of R's Information Services and focus tested by alumni throughout its development. The online community is password protected and all private data are handled in accordance with the Freedom of Information Protection of Privacy and Personal Information Act (Canada).

Features of the online alumni community:

- Online mentorship program
- Personal profiles - easy to update
- Career networking
- Online directory - find a classmate
- Electronic editions of *The Third Degree*
- Volunteer opportunities
- Receive E-lumni News
- Web-based surveys - share your feedback with Alumni Relations

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Plans for the Web community include travel, career and weather information designed specifically for U of R alumni.

Sign-up today!

1. Go to www.uregina.ca
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3. Click on the online alumni community logo
4. Follow the directions to register

What's in a name?

We need your help to name the new U of R online alumni community. Send your creative idea before December 15, 2003 to Alumni Relations at uralumni@uregina.ca. Please include your name, telephone number, mailing address and e-mail address. Sorry, only entries received by e-mail will be considered. The individual who submits the best name in the eyes of the judges will receive a fabulous University of Regina prize package. The winner will be declared on January 5, 2004. Only one entry per alumni, please. We look forward to hearing from you!

AGM held June 24

The University of Regina Alumni Association (URRA) held its 2003 annual general meeting (AGM) on June 24. Approximately 22 alumni and friends attended the meeting and the reception that followed. A special thank you goes to outgoing president Shane Reoch, MA '97, for his time and commitment over the past year. Reoch will remain in the position of past-president and hands the president's gavel to Matt Hanson, BA '94, BAdmin '97.

The Association wishes to thank those leaving the board for the dedicated service. Good luck to departing board members Greg Swanson, BAdmin '76; Dean Reeve, BAdmin '84; Carlo Binda, CPR '93, BA '95 and Loanne Myrah, BA '82, BEd '94.

Welcome to new board members Loni Kaufmann, BAdmin '95; Sabrina Cataldo, CPR '01, BJ (Dist) '99, BA '97; Anita McLennan, BAdmin '96 and Michael Tomka, BAdmin '96.

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Convocation brunch

The annual Spring Convocation Brunch was held on May 30 at the Saskatchewan Centre of the Arts. Over 620 graduates and guests attended making this year's event a tremendous success. Former president Shane Reoch welcomed those in attendance and later, University President David Barnard brought greetings from the U of R. Vice-president Lisa King offered a welcome from the Alumni Association and informed graduates of the benefits of being a new alumnus. A number of graduates were heard to comment that it was a "terrific event" and a "great welcome" into the Alumni Association. Convocation frame sales were also a success, with proceeds going to student awards and scholarships.



Changes to Alumni Association scholarships

Effective January 2004, the Alumni Association scholarship committee will transfer the responsibility of selecting scholarship recipients to the University's Student Awards and Financial Aid office. The office will also administrate URAA scholarships, a task which is now the responsibility of the Alumni function of University Relations. The Development function of University Relations will maintain stewardship of the scholarships.

The change will allow for a more streamlined application process and will further increase accountability and consistency in the selection process.

The scholarship committee intends to increase the profile of URAA scholarships through enhanced promotion and marketing efforts and will continue its responsibility of ensuring the terms of reference for each award are up to date. The Association board views these modifications as positive and expect the changes will result in more financial assistance for students.

Student Alumni officer hired

Today's students are tomorrow's alumni and University of Regina ambassadors. With that in mind, the Alumni Association has hired a part-time, student alumni programmer for the fall and winter semesters. The programmer will increase the awareness of the Association and encourage students to become involved in the U of R.



Hello and a hearty welcome from the University of Regina Alumni Association.

As the newly elected president, I would like to say on behalf of our executive and board members that we are looking forward to representing the alumni of our great University for the next year. I would also like to congratulate Shane Reoch, the past president of the Alumni Association, on his exceptional leadership.

I am writing this message on the last day of my summer holidays. For me, one of the things I like most about my

summer holidays is that I only have three people to answer to: my wife and my two kids. Around here, the big questions of the day are: "Dad, what time are we going to the beach?" and "When are we stopping by the ice cream store?" And my favourite, "Are you really going golfing today?" Yes, the good old lazy days of summer.

One thing that didn't slow down over the summer was the expansion of the University of Regina campus. It continues at a breakneck pace. All this change has created an immense positive buzz throughout Saskatchewan. Even the folks at the University of Saskatchewan are taking notice. My wife attended the U of S, so, of course, I'm constantly reminding her of all the fantastic things happening at the University of Regina. If you live in Regina or are planning a trip to the Queen City, be sure and stop by the University and see the changes up close for yourself. And, if you have the time, call the Alumni Relations office and stop by for a chat.

Since the inception of the Alumni Association, the focus has been raising funds for student scholarships. Last year at this time, the Association executive and board of directors were asking themselves if raising funds for student scholarships had run its course.

I believe the Alumni Association needs to periodically review its organizational mission, strategic direction, and purpose. The executive and board of directors have decided supporting student scholarships is still an important direction upon which the Alumni Association can focus. In fact, we intend to strengthen our support of University of Regina students. Also, the Association is making a commitment to support the University Library and student groups.

Watch for the Alumni Association's newly designed, more functional Web site. The site will help all University of Regina alumni stay connected. Whether your passion is fundraising or "friend" raising, getting involved with volunteer groups, or looking to enhance your career, the new Alumni Association Web site will be an invaluable tool.

If you are an alumni and have any questions, suggestions or want to get involved with one of the Alumni Association chapters in your region, please call the Alumni office toll free at 1-877-779-GRAD, or in Regina at 585-4503.

Thanks for your time folks,

Matt Hanson
ALUMNI ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT

Alumni Association President's Message

Alumni partner with Rams

The Alumni Association is again pleased to partner with the University of Regina Rams to promote athletic and academic excellence. All U of R alumni are eligible to save on the purchase of U of R Rams game tickets and fabulous Rams merchandise.

Alumni can purchase Rams tickets for only \$10 each-throughout the entire season. In addition, all alumni can save 10 per cent on regular priced Rams clothing and souvenirs. The discounts are available only at the Rams office located in the College Building on the corner of Scarth Street and College Avenue. For more information call the Rams office at 585-5880. The Alumni Association and the U of R Rams look forward to seeing you this year, the 50th in Rams' history.



Alumni Association offers new insurance program Oct. 20.

The University of Regina Alumni Association is pleased to announce a group insurance program for U of R alumni from our new affinity partner, Meloche Monnex. A member of the TD Bank Financial Group, Meloche Monnex is a leading organization in affinity marketing in Canada and the second largest direct insurer in the country. The company offers home, automobile,* travel and small business insurance to University of Regina graduates and staff.

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Winners of the Gavigan/McIntyre trophy for best women's team were: (L to R) Amanda Quayle, Pat Patton, Erin Kleisinger and Carol Reyda, BAsc '00. Presenting the award is (R to L) Bernadette McIntyre and Marj Gavigan.



Winners of the Pasterfield/Baldock trophy for best men's team were: (L to R) David Easton, Randy Beattie, BAdmin '82 and Howard Jesse, BA '77, BEd '79, MEd '89. Presenting the award is (R to L) Association president Matt Hanson and Charlie Baldock, BAdmin '74.



Winners of the Watson/Templeton trophy for best mixed team were: (L to R) Garth Fredrickson, BA '79, Leslie Ciz, BAdmin '93 and Shawn Zimmer.

14th Annual Alumni Golf Classic a Swinging Success!

In honour of Regina's centennial celebration, mayor Pat Fiacco joined U of R alumni and friends for the 14th Annual Alumni Golf Classic. The event, held on August 7 at the Tor Hill Golf Course, proved a great success thanks to an afternoon of great weather, food and fun! The Alumni Association would like to thank all the golfers, staff and volunteers who made the fundraising event a hit. Over \$6,000 was raised for Alumni Association scholarships.

U of R Alumni 2003 - Upcoming events

For information regarding these events call Alumni Relations toll-free at 1-877-779-GRAD or (306) 585-4503 or contact the office by e-mail at uralumni@uregina.ca

REGINA, SASK., OCTOBER 18

Convocation Brunch at Doris Knight Hall, Centre of Arts.

CALGARY, ALTA., OCTOBER 19

The Calgary Branch of the University of Regina Alumni Association will host a Saskatchewan Roughriders rally from 11:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. at the Best Western Village Park Inn, 1804 Crowchild Trail N.W. Snacks and a cash bar will be available. For more information call Stu at (403) 620-1174 or Dave at (403) 519-2273.

VANCOUVER, B.C., OCTOBER 25

Saskatchewan Roughriders "A Slice of Pie" pre-game party, hosted by the Vancouver Branch and Saskatchewan Industry and Resources.

REGINA, SASK., OCTOBER 25

First annual Alumni Awards Dinner honouring recipients of the Alumni Association's Distinguished Alumni, Faculty Excellence, and Scholarship Awards. The Awards Dinner will be held at Thorne Hall, in Luther College. Tickets for the event are \$20.

OTTAWA, ONT., NOVEMBER 4

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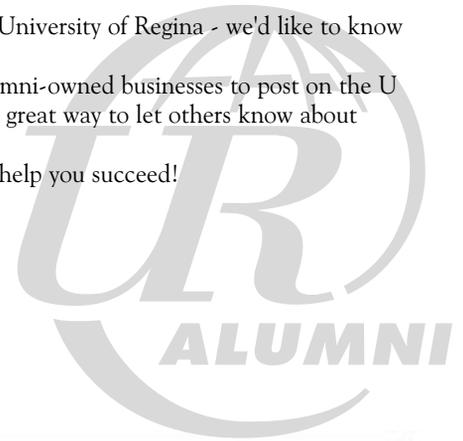
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Greg Marchildon



If there has been one thing that has stayed with Greg Marchildon, BA '77, MA '84, throughout his remarkable career as an academic and public servant, it's his desire to learn. Marchildon, recipient of this year's Distinguished Alumnus Award for Business and Professional Achievement, says the opportunity to learn was what delighted him when he was a student at the University of Regina in the late 1970s. "I just wanted to learn," he says. "I think that's what marked my time here as a student. It was just a desire to learn, not a desire to get a degree or get a career, just a time to learn. I spent a lot of time in the library just reading and figuring out things."

The opportunity to learn is also what excites him about his current position as Canada Research Chair in public policy and economic history in the Faculty of Administration. "I've been wanting to do this (return to academic life) for some time. This is my vocation, as opposed to my job. This is what I would naturally gravitate to, irrespective of what I was doing for a shorter period of time."

Marchildon's resume is rich with experience: he has studied and practised law, earned a PhD in economic history from the London School of Economics, taught at Johns Hopkins University in the U.S., served as deputy minister of intergovernmental affairs and deputy minister to the premier of Saskatchewan and served as executive director of the Romanow Royal Commission on health care.

Although Marchildon looks back on his time working as a legal aid lawyer in northern Saskatchewan as one of the highlights of his career, it didn't sway him from his decision to leave law and study history and economics. It was a decision many friends and family members didn't understand but he says pursuing what most interested him was the right thing to do. He advises his students to do the same.

"I just say you are conflicted because your heart is telling you one thing but the good, rational advice you are getting from other people, or even from yourself, is telling you something else. No contest. Drop the advice and do what you are really feeling you want to do."

His studies in London and subsequent post at Johns Hopkins University seemed the beginning of a career in academia, probably in the U.S. or Britain, so the invitation to return to Saskatchewan came as a complete but welcome surprise. Working in government, he says, provided the unique privilege of dealing with the policy process as both participant and observer. He looks back on changes made to cabinet decision-making and work on the "social union," resulting in the National Child Benefit, as accomplishments of that time.

Later, working as executive director of the royal commission gave him the opportunity to see policy development outside normal government channels, in what he calls "the off-ramp of government policy and decision-making." He says he's proud of the sophisticated series of consultations the Romanow commission conducted and of its final report.

The research Marchildon is beginning at the U of R will focus on the development of social and economic public policy in Canada. Among his areas of study will be health policies and response to climate change. "I naturally am going to have a foot in both worlds at all times, contemporary public policy on the one side and history on the other," he says. "It's very, very hard to ever deal with public policy in a vacuum. It always has a historical context. The question is . . . to what extent are we prisoners of our own history and to what extent can we break with that in order to get on a new path or a new trajectory. That's what I'm doing."

There's another side to Marchildon, too. He's best known to some as the author of *Canoeing the Churchill*, a book he wrote with longtime friend Sid Robinson about their 70-day, 1,000-kilometre canoe trip down the Churchill River. "More an encyclopedia than a book," he jokes.

University of Regina Alumni Association 2004

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

These prestigious awards were established to honour University of Regina alumni who have made a significant contribution to the success of the University of Regina and/or their community at the local, regional, national, or international levels.

There are three categories:

- Business / Professional Service;
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- Outstanding Young Achiever

Under the terms of the awards, an alumnus is defined as someone who:

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Sunil Ram



Think community and you might think about your own neighbourhood, your town or city or maybe your province.

For Sunil Ram, BA '87, BA '97, recipient of this year's Distinguished Alumnus Award for Community Service, the definition of community is much broader. Think North America, the Balkans, the Middle East, Africa and beyond. Ram's community is international in scope.

Ram's writing, teaching, commentary and consultative work focus on peace advocacy but, again, his definition differs from what you might imagine. Ram supports a strong military and says the use of force is often necessary to bring peace. "Sometimes you really do have to send soldiers and police in because the parties involved in creating the trauma are simply not going to give up power because you tell them to," he says.

For much of his adult life, Ram has pursued academic and military careers simultaneously. Military service, he says, is a tradition in his family reaching back 1,000 years when his ancestors fought as soldiers for the Rajput princes in India. After he finished his first degree and left military

service, he and friends formed a small high-tech company in Regina. One client was the Saudi Royal Family, a connection Ram has maintained and one he says gives him heightened understanding of events in the Middle East.

Life went smoothly until 1994 when Ram was attacked in downtown Regina and "almost bludgeoned to death." His severe injuries forced him to spend more than a year in rehabilitation and relearn many skills. It was during this difficult time that Ram's commitment to peace advocacy took root. Because he had problems reading and writing, he decided to return to university as part of his recovery process. Later, he also returned to the military, joining a reserve unit in Regina.

At the U of R, political science professor Shreesh Juyal introduced Ram to the United Nations (UN) and to a concept of peace advocacy that differed from the peacekeeping he had learned as a soldier. Ram got involved in the model UN program and together with a partner won several awards at a model UN conference in Los Angeles. He also became involved in celebrations marking the UN's 50th anniversary, including working with the YMCA to establish a working model of a UN observation post manned by peacekeepers in uniform. The work led to Ram being one of 30 Canadians to receive a UN global citizen award in 1995 for "furthering the world peace through peacekeeping awareness."

Ram teaches peacekeeping at the American Military University and co-authored, with Juyal, a course on peacekeeping in the Balkans for the UN Institute for Training and Research. He also writes on peace and defence issues, and is a frequent commentator on these issues in the broadcast media. Along the way, he has earned a third degree - a master's in political science from the University of Guelph.

He believes strongly that Canada must increase defence spending so it can live up to its military commitments. He's also an advocate of revamping Canadian foreign policy to reflect changes in the world and to link its foreign, defence and aid policies. He also believes Canadians must become more aware of what's going on both within Canada - "there isn't a softer target than this country" - and in other parts of the world. "If you understand the world, you have a much clearer understanding of how you can deal with it," he says.

As well as speaking publicly, Ram has worked privately on initiatives geared to helping local people in Africa. In one project in the Congo, he worked with Congolese acquiring and selling diamonds. Proceeds went to local people to buy schoolbooks, medicine, food and other community needs. "If you can make people's lives easier at the most basic level, you'll find them less inclined to be in conflict with each other," he says. "You will also potentially create a stable enough environment so that civil society can regain control . . . And people will be willing to protect themselves because they have a lot to lose."

Distinguished Alumnus Awards

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http://www.uregina.ca/commun/alumni/alumni_programming.htm

... in Saskatoon

On April 24 alumni and guests of the Saskatoon Branch of the Alumni Association attended a reception at the Willows Golf and Country Club in Saskatoon. The event proved to be the Saskatoon Branch's largest turnout with more than 70 alumni and guests attending an informal reception with U of R President David Barnard. The event provided an opportunity for guests to spend some one-on-one time with the president, as well as a chance to hear a brief overview of recent campus events and initiatives at the University. Many of those who attended commented that the reception provided them with a great opportunity to personally meet the president and to discuss their experiences and hopes for the U of R. Thanks to all who came out—we're sure the great turnout was due to a growing interest and affinity for the U of R by alumni in Saskatoon and we're confident that future events will also be favourably attended. Stay tuned for coming events.

Submitted by Marie McMunn, BA '71, BEd '82



The Saskatoon Branch hosted its largest reception at the Willows Golf and Country Club on April 24.

... in Calgary

The University hosted a breakfast with President David Barnard on June 11 in Calgary. Approximately 30 alumni came out bright and early for networking opportunities and a hot breakfast. President Barnard brought us up to date on developments at the University. Stuart Quinn also announced the formation of the

Alumni Breakfast Club and requested volunteers to help organize the club. Several volunteers have stepped forward but more are always welcome.

Submitted by Stuart Quinn, BAdmin '81

... in New York

The Canadian Club of New York (CCNY) hosted a cocktail reception for approximately 300 Canadians living in the New York City area on July 1, Canada Day. The reception was held in the Grand Dining Room of the Penn Club of New York. The highlights of the event: Pamela Wallin (BA'90, HonDeg'02), Consul General for Canada in New York, delivered an inspiring speech that set the tone for the evening and reinforced Canadian national pride; John Roberts, CBS News Chief, White House Correspondent and Weekend Anchor of the CBS Evening News, gave an upbeat impromptu speech punctuated with humour and reminders of our common roots; Canadian Kathleen Flynn, mezzo-soprano, delivered a captivating rendition of O' Canada; Canadian Andrew Rathbun and his jazz quartet performed throughout the evening; attendees were offered a vast assortment of Canadian *hors d'oeuvres*, cheeses and spirits (including an "all-Canadian" ice wine martini bar!); and, two lucky guests won trips to Toronto and Ottawa, including round-trip airfare and upscale hotel accommodation.

The turnout exceeded everyone's expectations. The energy level was high throughout the evening and there was a strong sense of camaraderie. Several of the sponsors were so enthusiastic about the success of this reception that they have provided verbal commitments to sponsor an alumni reception this fall and another Canada Day reception in 2004.

A photo gallery of the event is on display on our Web site: www.canadianclubny.org.

Submitted by Joseph Stephen, president CCNY

Thanks in part to financial support from the University of Regina Alumni Association, a group of U of R students attended the Model United Nations Conference in New York April 11-20. The prestigious event brings together students and instructors from universities across the world in an authentic simulation of the proceedings of the United Nations. The educational and exciting experience allowed students to engage in diplomatic



Aided by funding from the Alumni Association, an enthusiastic group of U of R students attended the Model United Nations Conference in New York in April.

relations and learn first-hand negotiation and compromise skills. The trip also included a briefing at the Canadian Embassy and a meeting with New York Alumni Branch representative Ken Ottenbreit.

Submitted by Phoebe De Ciman, president, U of R Students' Union

... in Toronto

On June 19 members of the Alumni Association's Toronto Branch attended "A Slice of Saskatchewan" pre-game party at the SkyDome. The pre-game get-together featured presentations by the Government of Saskatchewan and Saskatchewan Tourism, with a feature address from Bob Vespaziani, assistant general manager of the Saskatchewan Roughriders. Those who attended the event were thrilled to have some good old-fashioned food from Saskatchewan - Western Pizza and Saskatoon Berry Pie. With bellies full, they

Saskatchewan fans at the SkyDome were treated to a last-minute comeback by the Roughriders at a June 19 Toronto Branch game-day event. (Photo courtesy Kevin Clive)

took to the stands to cheer on the Roughriders.

It was a back-and-forth, exciting game. And, in traditional form, the Riders rallied late in the game and with three seconds remaining, quarterback Nealon Green made a sensational pass to the end zone to Corey Grant to pull out a 20-18 victory. Needless to say, all Roughriders fans went home happy.

... in Ottawa

The Ottawa Branch of the University of Regina Alumni Association, in conjunction with the local University of Saskatchewan Alumni Association, held the annual Roughrider-Renegade pre-game event on August 7. Approximately 400 (150 U of R) Saskatchewan ex-patriates were on hand to cheer on the Riders. The usual rowdy prairie crowd was there; green face paint, Rider jerseys, and loud cheers for the green

As usual, the game was an exciting one. The Renegades took an early lead, and held it until half time. In the second half the Riders clawed back to take a 24-16 lead. But the Renegades weren't done. Late in the game, the Renegades scored two quick touchdowns to take a 28-24 advantage. On the last series the Riders marched down into Renegades territory but with 22 seconds left, a Renegades interception on the two-yard line sealed the Riders' fate.

In the stands, the usual antics were present. The occasional verse of "Green is the Colour," loud cheers of "Go Riders Go," "O-Fence" and "D-Fence" echoed from our little section of the stadium. The Rider bench, located directly in front of us, seemed to enjoy the cheering section and the players occasionally egged us on. All in all it was a good night.

Submitted by Rick Wanner, BSc '89



Roughrider fans celebrate during a Renegade-Saskatchewan August 7 game in Ottawa. (Photo courtesy Kevin Clive)

side were the order of the night!

Before the game, Industry and Resources Saskatchewan sponsored a pre-game party billed as "A Slice of Saskatchewan." Representatives from Saskatchewan Wide Open, Tourism Saskatchewan, the Regina Grey Cup Committee and Bob Vespaziani, the Riders assistant general manager, all did short presentations and worked the already partisan crowd to a feverous pitch. The highlight of the pre-game party was the genuine Western Pizza imported from Tumblers in Regina, and Saskatoon Berry Pie compliments of the Northgate Bakery in Regina. We all appreciated a little taste of home!

... Social Work Branch

Linda Thauberger of Regina was the winner of the Social Work Alumni Branch's "It's A Mystery" raffle on September 9.

Thauberger's prize is to be featured as a character in Gail Bowen's *Murder at Lawyer's Bay*, an upcoming novel in her celebrated Joanne Kilbourn series. Second and third place winners each received an autographed copy of Bowen's most recent Joanne Kilbourn novel, *The Glass Coffin*. Bowen is head of the English Department at the First Nations University of Canada. Her current book, the ninth in the Kilbourn series is due to be released in September 2004.

The Social Work Alumni Branch would like to sincerely thank Bowen for supporting this raffle that raised \$1,000 for scholarships in the Faculty of Social Work. In addition to the University of Regina Book Store and our fellow Social Work grads and who sold raffle tickets, we would also like to thank our corporate sponsors and Michael J. MacLean, Dean of the Faculty of Social Work, for his enthusiasm and encouragement throughout.

Submitted by Donna Easto, BSW '90



Association board member Donna Easto, BSW '90, (R) presents author Gail Bowen with a gift of appreciation at the wrap-up of the Social Work Branch's "It's A Mystery" raffle.



To: All Members of Convocation

Call for Nominations

University of Regina Senate

2004 Election



The University of Regina Act provides that 14 members of Convocation may be elected to the University of Regina Senate. The Chancellor of the University and elected members of Senate serve three-year terms and are eligible for re-election to a second consecutive term. An election has been scheduled for **April 12, 2004** to elect district Senate members for terms from July 1, 2004 to June 30, 2007. Nominations are called for the following:

Chancellor

Incumbent **Art Wakabayashi**, BA, BComm, MPA
Eligible for re-election

District 2 (Weyburn-Indian Head)

Currently vacant

District 7 (Melfort-Wynyard-Davidson)

Currently vacant

District 8 (Dundurn-Delisle)

Incumbent **Glenn Beatty**, BAdmin
Eligible for re-election

District 12 (Saskatoon)

Incumbent **Darryl Barclay**, BAdmin
Eligible for re-election

All members of Convocation are eligible to nominate candidates and to vote in the election. Nominees must be members of Convocation and must reside in the district for which they are nominated. No persons are eligible for election as chancellor unless they have been members of the convocation for at least 10 years immediately prior to the last date for the filing of nomination papers. Nominations for **Chancellor** must be signed by **seven** qualified voters and **endorsed by the nominee**. Nominations for **elected members** must be signed by **three** qualified voters and **endorsed by the nominee**. Nominations, accompanied by a short biography of the candidate, must be in the hands of the University Secretary by **March 1, 2004**.

Nomination forms may be obtained by contacting the University of Regina at:

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WHO IS A MEMBER OF CONVOCATION?

(Excerpted from Section 10 of *The University of Regina Act*)

1. All convocations shall be composed of the chancellor, the senate, all graduates of the University of Saskatchewan at Regina, and all graduates of the university and such other classes of persons as the senate may from time to time determine.
2. Any graduate of the University of Saskatchewan at Saskatoon, as defined by the University Act, 1968, or any previous University Act, may become a member of convocation at The University of Regina, by notifying the secretary in writing of the desire to do so and such person shall also continue to be a member of convocation of The University of Saskatchewan.

Note: With respect to Section 10(1) of the Act, Senate has provided that, commencing with the first Convocation of the University of Saskatchewan Regina Campus, Spring 1965, persons who have received a certificate or diploma from the University of Regina or the University of Saskatchewan Regina Campus, if that certificate or diploma required a previous degree for admission or included a minimum of 64 credit hours of degree credit work, are eligible for membership in Convocation.

SENATE DISTRICTS:

District 2 (Weyburn-Indian Head) - One Member

Commencing at the intersection of the easterly limit of range 11, west of the second meridian and the United States boundary, thence northerly along the easterly limit of the said range 11 to the Qu'Appelle River, thence westerly along the Qu'Appelle River to the easterly limit of range 22, west of the second meridian, thence southerly along the easterly limit of said range 22 to the intersection with the United States boundary, thence easterly along the United States boundary to the point of commencement.

Excepting: The area within the Regina City limits.

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Commencing at the intersection of the easterly limit of range 11, west of the second meridian, and the Qu'Appelle River, thence westerly along the Qu'Appelle River to the easterly limit of range 2, west of the third meridian, thence northerly along the easterly limit of range 2, west of the third meridian, to the South Saskatchewan River, thence northerly and easterly along the South Saskatchewan River and the Saskatchewan River to its intersection with the easterly limit of range 11, west of the second meridian, thence southerly along the easterly limit of range 11 to the point of commencement.

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TIME GOES BY

WHAT'S NEW WITH UNIVERSITY OF REGINA ALUMNI

1960 1969



Elizabeth Raum, Mmus '65, had two performances of her opera, *EOS: The Dream of Nicholas Flood Davin*, staged September 26 and 27 at the U of R's Riddell Centre. The performances were directed by Ruth Smillie, artistic director of the Globe Theatre, and featured the Regina Symphony Chamber Players conducted by dean of Fine Arts, Kathryn Laurin. Raum's oboe concerto, *The Phantom Drum*, will be performed by the Manitoba Chamber Orchestra featuring oboist Joseph Salvalaggio December 1-3. Raum's song cycle, *Sirens*, commissioned by the vocal duo ensemble, *Prairie Sirens*, will premiere at the Regina Musical Club concert, April 3, 2004. Her daughter, Erika Raum, and violist Rivka Golani along with the Regina Symphony Orchestra will perform the premiere of her concerto for violin and viola, *Persephone and Demeter*, on May 13, 2004. The premiere of her *Requiem for Wounded Knee*, a duet for tubas, narrator and piano, will be performed at

the Eastman School of Music in Rochester, New York, in November. She has also been invited to Eastman to present a lecture on her work. Raum is working on a CBC commissioned quartet for the St. Lawrence String Quartet and is preparing *Piano on the Prairie*, a commission by the Saskatchewan Music Festival Association for their Centennial Class in 2005. Raum is married to Richard Raum, a professor in the Department of Music at the University of Regina.

Doreen Huggins, BA '69, has recently completed a motorcycle safety course so she can ride her Yamaha V-Star 650 cruiser to school. Huggins is a teacher/librarian in Enderby, B.C. She and husband Terry have one "perfect" grandchild with another due this fall. The couple's free time is spent riding their bikes, being with their four kids and camping with their grandson.

1970 1979

Mary Rose Suzanne Boyer, BEd '72, PGDEA '95, CCDEV '03, retired from teaching in 2001 and lives with her partner near Bienfait, Sask. In addition to her work as a French teacher and a school administrator, Boyer has worked with Human Resources Canada, the Yorkton Tribal Council, the Confederation of Tribal Nations, Saskatchewan Education, Department of Social Services. Most recently she has served as the Aboriginal Youth Justice Co-ordinator of the Regina Youth Justice Forum Pilot Project with Corrections

and Public Safety. Boyer specializes in engaging at-risk children and youth and conducts presentations emphasizing the positive family and community influences in her life as a person of Chippewa/Cree/French ancestry.

Rebecca Chan Allen, BA '73, lives in Vancouver where she is the president of Delta Learning Organization. Allen works as a facilitator in cultural synergy and creative transformation. Her clients include HRD Canada, Imperial Oil, Scotiabank, Amoco, Exxon, Shell, CP Rail, AEC International, Nortel, Pan Canadian and the YWCA. Her book, *Guiding Change Journey*, is about using the wisdom of different cultures to deal with the trials of change and transformation.

Robert (Bob) Nicholls, BmusEd '74, is beginning his 34th season with the Regina Symphony. He received the Saskatchewan Choral Federation 2002 Pro Music Award in recognition of his contributions to choral music in the province. The award also recognized his work in schools, his singing with various choirs, and his continued music and production work with Regina Summer Stage. He currently teaches English, Drama and Arts Education at Thom Collegiate in Regina.



Garth Fredrickson, BA '79, and **Leslie Ciz, BAdmin '93**, were married on March 1 in Regina. Fredrickson works for ICR Koyl Commercial Real Estate and Ciz is employed at CUETS. Both are past-presidents of the University of Regina Alumni Association. Fredrickson also sits on the University's Board of Governors as vice-chair.

1980 1989

Judith M. Dunlop, BSW '81, is an assistant professor at the University of Windsor's School of Social Work. Dunlop completed her PhD in Social Work at Memorial University of Newfoundland.

David Schneider, BAdmin '82, has been appointed senior vice president and managing director of BMO Nesbitt Burns' B.C.

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division. Schneider continues to reside in the seaside community of Oak Bay, B.C.

Tim MacKay, BA '85, and sister **Jill Allison, BA '01**, have both been awarded a doctoral fellowship from the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada. The prestigious and highly competitive fellowships are awarded annually to doctoral students showing great promise in their chosen areas of research. (See Highlight, page 9).

Ken Gillis, BA(Adv) '86, lives in White Rock, B.C. and is a pilot for Air Canada. Gillis attended Selkirk College in Castlegar, B.C. from 1989-1991.

Elizabeth Koopman, BSc '86, is a recent recipient of the Queen's Commemorative Golden Jubilee Medal Award. The award recognizes her contributions to the Canada Customs and Revenue Agency (CCRA) as manager of the Scientific Research and Experimental Development (SR&ED) program in the Toronto West Tax Service office in Mississauga, Ont. Koopman worked at the Geological Survey of Canada in Ottawa from 1986-96, and received her MSc from Carleton University in 1993. In 1996, she joined CCRA, relocated to Southern Ontario, and now lives in Oakville, Ont.

Lester M. Hunt, CLGA '87, is the executive director of the Canadian Coalition of Provincial Cottage Associations. He previously held the position of executive director of the Provincial Association of Resort Communities of Saskatchewan. Hunt is also active with the North American Lake Management Symposium (NALMS) and Saskatchewan Watershed Association. Hunt's educational resume includes a BEd'65, BSc'70, PGD'71, MEd'74, and a LGA'87.

Dave Quinn, BAdmin '87, and Shelley Jahnke, BAdmin '87,

live in Calgary with their wonderful daughter Madeleine who recently started Grade 1. Both Quinn and Jahnke have recently started new jobs. Quinn accepted a position with CNC Global, a Canadian information technology recruiter, as its director of Southern Alberta. Jahnke joined Direct Energy earlier in the year as its controller of Financial Planning and Analysis. The couple say that life in Calgary continues to be great, especially considering the number of U of R alumni in the city.

1990 1999

Eric Hufnagel, BA '90, Bed '92, and **Ardis Tweedle, BA '92**, were married in August 1992 and have made their home in Naicam, Sask. The couple follows U of R athletics closely as Tweedle played Cougars volleyball from 1988-1991. They have three girls: Katy (6), Margot (5) and Annika (3).

David Eggleston, BAJ&C '91, is a producer at CBC Newsworld International. Eggleston made a recent visit to Regina and was impressed with the new building construction on campus.



Having just turned 71, **Reverend Methodius Kushko, BA(Hons) '92**, has a long list of professional and academic accomplishments. He spent 26 years as a teacher in private, separate, and public schools and currently works full time as a professional psychological counsellor. He is also an assistant at St. Mary's Anglican Church and on July 5 received his 33rd ordination. Volunteering is an important aspect of Kushko's life.

He has played an important role in encouraging the provincial government to amend the Saskatchewan Health Act to permit physicians to practise alternative medicine. He also serves as a translator for the Saskatchewan government's Advisory Committee on Saskatchewan-Ukraine Relations. Along with his Arts degree from Campion College, Kushko holds the following degrees: BEd'62 and BA'64 University of Saskatchewan; BTh'70 and MTh'71 University of Ottawa; and BStH'70 University of St. Paul.

Janice Ingham (née Mineau), BA '93, DAA '96, is a staffing specialist for Kelly Services. Ingham says her two boys, aged two and four months, "in time, are both headed to the University of Regina."

Rachel Sentes, BA '96, has published several pieces of fiction and serves as president of Other Voices Publishing Society. The Edmonton, Alta. organization produces Other Voices, a bi-annual journal of the literary

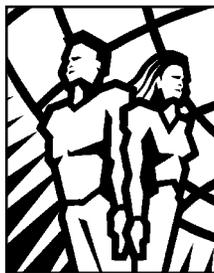
and visual arts. She is the daughter of the late U of R professor Ray Sentes and continues to support the scholarship established in his name. Sentes teaches playschool and intends to attend the University of Alberta to pursue a master's in Library Science.

Maxy Mariasegaram, BSc(Hons) '97, is currently completing a PhD in Animal Genetics at the University of Melbourne in Australia. Mariasegaram is interested in hearing from U of R alumni visiting Melbourne and can be reached by mobile phone at (0421) 823659.

2000 Present

Keith Leippi, BAdmin '02, works with Saskatchewan Finance as an accountant for Saskatchewan's Sinking Funds. In addition, he manages the accounting for two Crown Corporations: The Municipal Financing Corporation (MFC) and the Education Infrastructure Financing Corporation (EIFA).

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Randall Oscewski BSc '73

For Randall Oscewski, BSc '73, science is a journey of discovery, adventure, mystery, and often, a bone-chilling experience or two.

An environmental physicist with Defence Research and Development Canada (DRDC) in Toronto, Oscewski had long been dissatisfied with the old wind chill index, which, he says, tended to inflate wind chill values because it was based on false assumptions and inaccurate methods of measuring data.

Oscewski and his team of U.S. and Canadian researchers set out to revise the old formula to provide more realistic and reliable wind chill readings. After years of research and experimentation, some of which required Oscewski to sit in a refrigerated

chamber to collect data, the group developed a more accurate formula to express wind chill. The index is now used by weather services across Canada and the United States. For their efforts Oscewski and his collaborators received DRDC's 2002 Public Distinction Award.

"I'm a hands-on person," Oscewski says, pointing out that he values what he calls the "subjective element" in his work. When he jogs, for instance, he's paying particular attention to how the body performs in the cold. When he's designing a cold weather clothing system for defence forces, as he was in the late 1980s, he's off on a 1,000-mile snowmobile trip across James Bay. "I like to experience things," he says now, "but that wasn't a very pleasurable experience. I kept telling myself, 'I have to get a different job.'"

Although his wind chill index is probably his best-known scientific contribution, Oscewski has also been involved in discoveries of a different sort. By chance, he met Dale Russell, an Ottawa paleontologist who had been looking, fruitlessly, for dinosaur fossils in the Arctic. Oscewski remembered a reference to a fossil find in one of the books by Arctic explorers he'd studied for background to his research. He shared the information with Russell. Russell, as it happened, was part of the Canada/China Dinosaur Project with two other vertebrate paleontologists from the Tyrell Museum in Drumheller, Alta. Oscewski and the three paleontologists spent six weeks in the high Arctic looking for fossils in the summer of 1988. Searching an area suggested by Oscewski's research, the group found the bones of a plesiosaur, a large marine reptile.

But Oscewski's interest in the Arctic didn't end there.

He found himself entangled in another mystery inspired by a story of finding "the bones of great animals . . . turned to stone," told by an Inuit who accompanied Frederick Cook on an expedition to the North Pole in 1909. The notion that Cook had reached the North Pole was a controversial one: Did he in fact reach the North Pole? If not, where did he go, and why? The answers to those questions, Oscewski theorized in an article published this summer in *Arctic*, the journal of the Arctic Institute of North America, lay in Cook's fascination with the fiction of Jules Verne. What Cook was looking for, Oscewski surmised after accumulating dozens of parallels between Cook's expedition and Verne's novels, was what Verne called "the Frozen Pole," his theoretical location of the coldest point in the North American Arctic.

No evidence that Cook had read Verne existed, but in September 1999, Oscewski experienced one of those moments scholars love. Searching through Cook memorabilia at the Sullivan Country Museum in Hurleyville, New York, he found, barely visible in the dim light on the top shelf a small glass display case, a copy of *The English at the North Pole*, a Verne novel which contained so many parallels to the Cook expedition that it prompted Oscewski to write, "I could hardly believe my eyes."

For Oscewski then, these are the things that make science exciting. "I do get involved," he says. "It gets all-consuming at times."

For more information on Oscewski's wind chill work, visit www.drddc.gc.ca

A gift

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Think back to your time at the U of R. Do you recall the people who had the greatest effect on your life at that most influential of times? Chances are, family and friends played important roles, but undoubtedly there were faculty members who contributed to shaping the person you have become. Perhaps it was an instructor who inspired you. Maybe it was a professor who challenged you, or prompted you to ask more difficult questions or to work harder. These were teachers with a gift they readily shared. The gift was a key that unlocked the possibilities of the world and opened the doors to your own potential. Here are four such people—retired faculty members whose careers at the U of R spanned 50 years. They are men and women of wisdom and generosity. That generosity persists, as they all, in their own individual way, continue to contribute to the University, to our communities and to the world around us.



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Marlene Taylor then and now

MARLENE TAYLOR

Marlene Taylor began her teaching career at the University as an assistant professor in the Faculty of Education in the fall of 1978. In her 23-year career, Taylor taught more than a dozen different courses, chiefly in music education and professional studies. Later, she taught graduate courses in qualitative research.

"One of my favourite memories was seeing my first undergraduate group of students convocate," Taylor says. "That was a very satisfying and rewarding moment. Seeing real change in students as they pursued their goals was a highlight," she adds. "It was always wonderful to receive notes, cards, flowers, and personal visits from students who merely wanted to say thanks."

As well as passing on the joy of teaching to her students, Taylor inspired other who were closer to home – her daughter Tricia also became a teacher and is now working in North Dakota.

Taylor retired in June 2001 and continues to live in Regina. Among her retirement activities are golf, choir and community volunteer work. "I love reading, cooking, knitting and taking long walks. I don't keep busy; I am busy," she says.

Taylor is also still involved with the University as an adjunct professor, a role that enables her to continue supervising a group of graduate students who are finishing their degrees.

"The U of R helped me to recognize in new ways both the value and the joy of learning. It's been a pleasure to live and work in a faculty where the joy of teaching was highly regarded."

HOWARD LEYTON-BROWN

In his 50-plus-years association with the University of Regina, Howard Leyton-Brown has left an indelible mark. It began in 1952 when he accepted the position of head of the string department at Regina College. By 1955 Leyton-Brown was appointed director of the Conservatory of Music, a position he held until his retirement in 1988.

"In every way, it was a positive experience," he says. "The greatest pleasure was the opportunity to work with so many talented young people, many of whom have succeeded in careers in music. In addition, I have benefited from the opportunity to make numerous lifelong friends."

Leyton-Brown helped shape the music degree program and played a significant role in the establishing the music and drama departments. His students have gone on to distinguished music careers around the world. In 1987, Leyton-Brown received the Order of Canada. He is also the recipient of the Saskatchewan Arts Board Lifetime Award for Excellence and the Canadian 125th Anniversary Commemorative Medal.

Despite such accolades, Leyton-Brown ranks two



Howard Leyton-Brown. A portrait of the artist as a young man and the spry octogenarian today.

accomplishments near the top of his career highlight list.

"First," he says, "is the doctorate that I earned from the University of Michigan, and then, even more gratifying, the honorary doctorate from the University of Regina. This recognition by my colleagues was truly memorable."

Although he has officially retired, Leyton-Brown continues to teach and share his love of music. When he's not teaching he enjoys traveling with his wife, Myrl, swimming and curling, and he is an avid stamp collector. He is also considering writing "a book or two" and as a former bomber pilot, is an active member of the Canadian Club and the Air Force Association of Canada.





Diane Secoy in her biology department office in 1977 and in a recent on-campus photo.



DIANE SECOY

Diane Secoy first arrived at the U of R in 1968 when she was hired to teach vertebrate biology and comparative anatomy. For almost three decades, she taught classes ranging from embryology and ornithology to introductory zoology and biology. She also taught a number of graduate and honours reading classes in vertebrate ecology and biology.

"For 29 years, the University was the place, besides my home, that I spent most of my time and energy," she says. "I particularly enjoyed the eight years that I worked with the staff in Graduate Studies and Research as associate dean. It was the best place to see the breadth of work being done within the University."

Secoy was also an active researcher studying terrestrial vertebrate ecology, especially of reptiles, and the history of agricultural technology, with her husband, Allan Smith, a retired scientist at Agriculture Canada.

Looking back, Secoy cites her tenure as head of the biology department as a special time in her academic career.

Today, Secoy remains involved with the University as a member of the editorial board of the Canadian Plains Research Center's Saskatchewan Encyclopedia project. She also keeps busy with several other interests including travel, quilting and reading.

"I have sat on several boards, most recently Nature Saskatchewan," she says. "I have been on birding trips to Kenya and Australia and participate in a project making quilts for hospitals. I still read a lot and still buy books faster than I can read them."

ERNIE NICHOLLS

For four decades Ernie Nicholls was a fixture in the Faculty of Physical Activity Studies (now Kinesiology and Health Studies). During his 40-year career, he taught, coached and served in many administrative positions. It's little wonder Nicholls has been called "the godfather" of University athletics and recreation.

"I have so many, many wonderful memories," Nicholls says. "From the opening of the new physical education centre to the establishment of the Dr. Paul Schwann Applied Health and Research Centre and the launching of the physical activity studies degree program, they were all special."

In 2002, for his outstanding contributions to University athletics, Nicholls received a University of Regina Award for Cougar Excellence (ACE). As is his nature, Nicholls found a way of give back to the institution. He has established two student awards: The Dr. Ernie Nicholls Athletic Award, a scholarship that

is presented to a U of R wrestler who demonstrates proficiency on the mat and in the classroom and the Dr. Ernie Nicholls Scholarship in Recreation and/or Sport Administration, an academic award for Kinesiology and Health Studies students.

If that wasn't legacy enough, his son Michael operates the University health clinic and is team doctor for University athletic teams. His daughter-in-law, Carla, is an instructor and the head coach of the University's track and field team.

"The University was my life," Nicholls says. "It wasn't a job as much as it was our way of life—for me and for my entire family. It was a richly rewarding experience and I made thousands of friends as a result."



The "Godfather" of athletics and recreation Ernie Nicholls in a 1973 photo and today.

Retirees build a legacy

Ten years ago, the University of Regina Academic and Administrative Pensioners Association (URAAPA), on behalf of all U of R retirees, established a unique gift that will continue to benefit U of R students in perpetuity. The University of Regina Retirees Legacy Scholarship is an annual award presented to an undergraduate student who demonstrates scholarly excellence in the final year of a degree program and intends to pursue graduate studies, likely at the U of R.

One feature that sets the \$5,000 scholarship apart is how candidates are chosen for the award. Rather than having students apply, the award is initiated by faculty members who nominate a student they consider worthy of the scholarship.

The origins of the Legacy Scholarship date back to 1992, when URAAPA was approached to support a University fundraising campaign. The membership decided the best way of giving back to the University was to establish a scholarship.

"Our members were willing to support the idea of a scholarship but we didn't want it to be an ordinary scholarship," says Jack Boan, a retired U of R faculty member and the secretary-treasurer of URAAPA. "The award is the only Canadian university scholarship that was conceived, and is administered and supported by retired faculty and staff. Our members are proud of the role we played in building the University. The scholarship is one way that we demonstrate that pride. It's a way to give something back."

Each year, some \$3,000 to \$5,000 from URAAPA membership fees goes towards the scholarship fund's capital. To date, \$40,000 has been awarded to eight U of R students from a range of disciplines.



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